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COUNTERFEITS

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SOME COUNTERFEITS IN RELIGION

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I. Three Propositions:

- A. Worthless things are never counterfeited. CHURCH IS NOT WORTHLESS
- B. Counterfeit argues the existence of the genuine. TRADING ON A GOOD NAME.
(#300 B. II)
- C. Closer the imitation, the greater the danger. KEEP PEOPLE FROM THE CHURCH.

II. Satan has given the world these counterfeits.

A. Counterfeit God.

1. Turned from God to idols. 1 Thess. 1:9
2. Son of perdition--as God. 2 Thess. 2:3-4
3. Love not the truth--strong delusion. 2 Thess. 2:9-12
4. Coins, stamps, ambassadors.

when men turn from God, they make idols. Israeltites calf.

B. Counterfeit Christs.

1. Many false Christs will arise. Matt. 24:24
2. Will lead many astray. Mark 13:22
3. Father Divine. David Corresh. *Moon*.

C. Counterfeit spirits.

1. Believe not, but prove. 1 John 4:1
2. Some will give heed to them. 1 Tim. 4:1
3. Seduced, fascinated, attracted.

D. Counterfeit angels.

1. Satan transformed into angel of light. 2 Cor. 11:14
2. A king the angel of the abyss. Rev. 9:11
3. Satan has his angels. Rev. 12:9 *messengers*
4. Suit, tie, and a Bible. *in his hand*,

E. Counterfeit apostles.

1. False apostles, deceitful workers. 2 Cor. 11:13
2. Some call themselves apostles, but they are not. Rev. 2:2 *In Ephesus*
3. Some have apostles, today. Why? *Mormon church*

F. Counterfeit brethren.

1. Taught false doctrine--therefore false. Acts 15:1
2. Trouble with words, subverting souls. Acts 15:24

G. Counterfeit teachers.

1. Must stay with doctrine of Christ. 1 Tim. 6:3-5
2. Teachers for money. Tit. 1:10 *II*
3. Speaking lies in hypocrisy. 1 Tim. 4:1-2
4. Time will come when sound doctrine not be endured. 2 Tim. 4:3-4

H. Counterfeit Prophets

1. False prophets in sheep's clothing. Matt. 7:15
2. Shall arise and deceive many. Matt. 24:11
3. Have been and will be false prophets. 2 Pet. 2:1
4. Beware when all seems well. Luke 6:26
5. If it doesn't come to pass--then prophet is false. Deut. 18:22
6. Why not predict Hurricanes? *Tornados*

*way to test
a prophet③*

I. Counterfeit gospels.

1. Would pervert the gospel of Christ. Gal. 1:6-9
2. Pervert--to turn from right--opposite of convert. *turn to truth*

J. Counterfeit miracles.

1. All power and signs and lying wonders. 2 Thess. 2:9
2. Generally produce unclean things. Rev. 16:13
3. Why not cure aids?

K. Counterfeit churches.

1. Only Christ has the preeminence. Col. 1:18
2. A synagogue of Satan. Rev. 2:9
3. Can't be half-way. Rev. 3:16 *NEW OUT*
4. Need to come out of them. Rev. 18:4
5. One has one head many bodies; Another has two heads and one body.

L. Counterfeit baptisms.

1. There is one baptism. Eph. 4:5
2. Christenings equal baptism minus faith.
3. Faith only saved before, that is, without baptism.
4. Teach baptism not for salvation. Cannot successfully ignore what is taught in New Testament.

*sprinkling
pouring*

M. Counterfeit names.

1. Must suffer as a CHRISTIAN 1 Pet. 4:16
2. Many named for men; hyphenated; Prefix and Suffix. *DAY*

N. Counterfeit worship.

1. Not in spirit or truth. John 4:24
2. Right thing for the right purpose.

Conclusion:

1. Since there are counterfeits, we must be very careful not to be deceived by these.
2. We must, instead, determine that which is truth and obey it. Heb 5:9.

"Counterfeit - Made in imitation of something else, with a view to defraud; a forgery; to imitate, esp. for deceiving" (Webster)